

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, August 21, 1904, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. MAPLEWOOD HOTEL, White Mountains, N. H. (Aug. 21, 1904) My dear Alec:

I haven't written because I thought I was coming home, and though I have had a perfect time here with Mamma and hate to leave her, yet I want to be home with you and all again. My visit was up today as we agreed, and I was content it should be so, but Helen upset everything by deciding that she wanted to stay at Bar Harbor till Monday. That involved leaving Mamma alone for six days practically if she staid here. She thought of going to Mrs. Page at Kingston, but I could not go and leave her on the chance that Mrs. Page could take her in — want her was a matter of course — and we did not hear until too late for me to go this morning. Now I could have left tomorrow and get to Baddeck Monday via Montreal but for the Elbert complication. I want to see them very much, I feel as if I have not seen as much of them this summer as I wanted and I want to see my little Elsie just once again. But I am homesick and I don't want to wait any longer than I can help. If they will come as I telegraphed I could see quite a good deal of them Monday evening and Tuesday morning and then leave for Montreal reaching home Wednesday night. That is quite long enough. Auntie Kittie and her family have been at Profile Mt. House for a week, quite near here, if I had known that it would have made a difference too.

Thank you for your long letters they are fine, but I want to be home with you all. I wouldn't stay a minute, but for Mamma, 2 but she is pretty nearly perfect.

Mail is closing, so goodbye.

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Yours ever, Mabel. Gracie won't come.